

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (original): A **roof flashing** for or suitable for flashing a "ridgeline" as herein defined, said flashing being of multiple materials and being at least in part laminated and comprising or including:

a) a "ridge" overlying region to overlie the actual or phantom "ridge" to be flashed, the ridge being as herein defined,

b) a first flanking region extending from the ridge overlying region, and

c) a second flanking region extending from the ridge overlying region,

**wherein** the ridge overlying region is conformed to a retainable three dimensional form and/or is conformable and can retain to a three dimensional form,

**and wherein** the first and second flanking regions extend from the ridge overlying region so as to flank the actual or phantom "ridge" to be flashed by the flashing,

**and wherein** there is a weathering surface of one or more weathering material(s) and at least one of the flanking regions has at least a partial underlying support of the weathering material(s), and at least one of said flanking regions is at least conformed to a three dimensional form, and is conformable to a retained or retainable three dimensional form or has a distal extremity greater in extent than the proximal extent of that flanking region to said ridge overlying region.

Claim 2 (currently amended): A The roof flashing as claimed in claim 1 wherein each of the flanking regions has at least a

partial underlying support of the weathering material(s).

Claim 3 (currently amended): A The roof flashing as claimed in ~~claims 1 or 2~~ claim 1 wherein said first and second flanking regions depend from a first zone of articulation immediately adjacent said ridge overlying region.

Claim 4 (currently amended): A The roof flashing as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1 wherein the roof flashing includes preferably by removal of a release sheet or release sheets to reveal an adhesive or other tack providing surface to allow at least part of at least one of the flanking regions to be adhesively attached to a support surface e.g. of a roofing material to be flashed.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A The roof flashing as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1 wherein in some options one or more materials e.g. as a laminate, provide the ridge overlying region whilst in other forms the ridge overlying region can be at least in part, primarily or wholly of the one or more material(s) providing a weathering surface notwithstanding the fact that the flashing is at least in part laminated (e.g. whether solely in one or both of the flanking regions or otherwise).

Claim 6 (currently amended): A The roof flashing as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1 wherein the distal ends of one or each of said first and second flanking regions distal from said "ridge" overlying region is conformed into a three dimensional region to allow (by conformity or material thus made available) association with undulating or otherwise three dimensional roofing materials, to be flashed, flanking said

"ridge" or "ridgeline".

Claim 7 (currently amended): A The roof flashing as claimed in ~~any one of claims 2 to 6~~ claim 2 wherein said three dimensional region is at least in part held in its three dimensional form by said partial underlying support.

Claim 8 (currently amended): A The roof flashing as claimed in ~~any one of claims 2 to 7~~ claim 2 wherein said partial underlying support is a conformable yet shape retaining three dimensionally conformed material.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A The roof flashing as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 8~~ claim 1 wherein said three dimensionally conformed material underlies said weathering layer.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A The roof flashing as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 9~~ claim 1 wherein there is sufficient tack retaining adhesive on the non-weathering side of at least part of one or both said first and second flanking regions and/or said three dimensionally to associate said flanking regions to said roofing materials.

Claim 11 (currently amended): A The roof flashing as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 10~~ claim 1 wherein said tack retaining adhesive lies between said weathering layer and said dimensionally conformed material.

Claim 12 (currently amended): A The roof flashing as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 10~~ claim 1 wherein said dimensionally conformed material lies between said weathering

layer and said tack retaining adhesive.

Claim 13 (currently amended): A The roof flashing as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 12~~ claim 1 wherein said three dimensionally conformed material is a metal.

Claim 14 (currently amended): A The roof flashing as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 13~~ claim 1 wherein said metal can be sheet aluminium (and optionally may be wholly or in part be able to be expanded).

Claim 15 (currently amended): A The roof flashing as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 14~~ claim 1 wherein said three dimensional region is configured so as to exhibit a substantially sinusoidal section when being viewed in section towards said distal ends.

Claim 16 (currently amended): A The roof flashing as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 15~~ claim 1 wherein said three dimensionally conformed material is a perforate or expanded sheet of a suitable metal.

Claim 17 (currently amended): A The roof flashing as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 16~~ claim 1 wherein said three dimensionally conformed material is only partially expanded prior to application of said flashing.

Claim 18 (currently amended): A The roof flashing as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 17~~ claim 1 wherein said three dimensional region can expand and contract in directions parallel and transverse to said "ridgeline" which said flashing is to flash to further engage and conform to said

roofing materials.

Claim 19 (currently amended): A The roof flashing as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 18~~ claim 1 wherein a suitable natural or synthetic rubber material or plastics material provides said exterior flexible weathering surface.

Claim 20 (currently amended): A The roof flashing as claimed in claim 19 wherein said suitable natural or synthetic rubber material or plastics material is selected from the Desmopan® range of thermoplastic polyurethane materials.

Claim 21 (currently amended): A The roof flashing as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 20~~ claim 1 wherein said "ridge" overlying region is conformed, as part of said lamination to a substantially rigid section underlying said weathering layer.

Claim 22 (currently amended): A The roof flashing as claimed in claim 21 wherein said substantially rigid section is of substantially complimentary configuration conforming to said "ridge" beam or beams, or structure defining said "ridgeline".

Claim 23 (currently amended): A The roof flashing as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 22~~ claim 1 wherein said flashing has differing degrees of flexibility of the lamination over its cross section.

Claim 24 (currently amended): A The roof flashing as claimed in claim 23 wherein said differing degree of flexibility is at least in part due to differing flexibility of said weathering later.

Claim 25 (currently amended): A The roof flashing as claimed in ~~either of claims 23 or 24~~ claim 23 wherein said differing degree of flexibility of said weathering layer is due to differing thickness and/or differing material properties (such as density, flexural strength, Shore hardness etc) of said weathering layer.

Claim 26 (currently amended): A The roof flashing as claimed in ~~any one of claims 21 to 25~~ claim 21 wherein said weathering layer over said rigid section is between 100 and 600 microns thick.

Claim 27 (currently amended): A The roof flashing as claimed in ~~any one of claims 21 to 26~~ claim 21 wherein said weathering layer over said rigid section is 200 microns thick.

Claim 28 (currently amended): A The roof flashing as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 27~~ claim 1 wherein said three dimensionally conformed material is mould embedded at least in part in another material, said another material being flexible but not necessarily being said flexible material(s) providing the exterior weathering surface.

Claim 29 (currently amended): A The roof flashing as claimed in ~~any one of claims 4 to 28~~ claim 4 wherein a release sheet is associated with said tack retaining adhesive.

Claim 30 (currently amended): A The roof flashing as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 29~~ claim 1 wherein said "ridge" overlying region includes a number of openings therethrough to allow penetrative fixers to affix the same to a "ridge" beam



or beams.

Claim 31 (currently amended): A The roof flashing as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 30~~ claim 1 wherein said flashing is to underlie a ridge cap or ridge tile.

Claim 32 (currently amended): A The roof flashing as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 31~~ claim 1 wherein said flashing has, at said distal ends further extensions ("flank returns") which have a third zone of articulation from said distal end to be articulated to engage with the under side of said ridge capping(s) or tile(s) to form a further water and weather proofing of said ridge.

Claim 33 (currently amended): A The roof flashing as claimed in claim 32 wherein said zone of articulation runs parallel to said ridge overlying region.

Claim 34 (currently amended): A The roof flashing as claimed in ~~either claim 32 or 33~~ wherein said flank returns are separable into portions by lines of separation, running substantially perpendicular to said line of articulation.

Claim 35 (currently amended): A The roof flashing as claimed in ~~any one of claims 32 to 34~~ claim 32 wherein said flank returns further have zones of adhesion to engage with the underside of said ridge capping(s) or tile(s).

Claim 36 (currently amended): A The roof flashing as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 35~~ claim 1 wherein said flashing may form the ridgeline without reliance upon a ridge cap or ridge tile.

Claim 37 (currently amended): A The roof flashing as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 36~~ claim 1 wherein said flashing is coloured to match the roofing material or tiles to which it is applied.

Claim 38 (currently amended): A The roof flashing as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 37~~ claim 1 wherein said flashing may be coloured in a form as desired by the end user.

Claim 39 (original): A **method of flashing a roof** with a flashing as herein before described, wherein the ridge overlying region is applied to an actual or phantom "ridge" to be flashed,

first and second flanking regions extending from said ridge overlying region are located to lie upon and conform to roofing material(s) either side of said ridge with at least one of the flanking regions is at least conformed to a three dimensional form, and is conformable to a retained or retainable three dimensional form or has a distal extremity greater in extent than the proximal extent of that flanking region to said ridge overlying region to conform with said roofing material(s) and thus to form with said roofing material(s) a continuous weathering surface.

Claim 40 (currently amended): A The method as claimed in claim 39 wherein each of the flanking regions has at least a partial underlying support of the weathering material(s).

Claim 41 (currently amended): A The method as claimed in ~~either of claims 39 or 40~~ claim 39 wherein the roof flashing includes preferably by removal of a release sheet or release sheets to reveal an adhesive or other tack providing surface



to allow at least part of at least one of the flanking regions to be adhesively attached to a support surface e.g. of a roofing material(s) to be flashed.

Claim 42 (currently amended): A The method as claimed in ~~any one of claims 39 to 41~~ claim 39 wherein in some options one or more materials e.g. as a laminate, provide the ridge overlying region whilst in other forms the ridge overlying region can be at least in part, primarily or wholly of the one or more material(s) providing a weathering surface notwithstanding the fact that the flashing is at least in part laminated (e.g. whether solely in one or both of the flanking regions or otherwise).

Claim 43 (currently amended): A The method as claimed in ~~any one of claims 39 to 42~~ claim 39 wherein said three dimensional region is at least in part held in its three dimensional form by said partial underlying support.

Claim 44 (currently amended): A The method as claimed in ~~any one of claims 40 to 43~~ claim 40 wherein said three dimensionally conformed material is a metal.

Claim 45 (currently amended): A The method as claimed in ~~any one of claims 40 to 44~~ claim 40 wherein said three dimensional region is configured so as to exhibit a substantially sinusoidal section when being viewed in section towards said distal ends.

Claim 46 (currently amended): A The method as claimed in ~~any one of claims 39 to 45~~ claim 39 wherein said ridge overlying region includes a number of openings therethrough to allow

penetrative fixers to affix the same to a "ridge" beam or beams.

Claim 47 (currently amended): A The method as claimed in ~~any one of claims 39 to 46~~ claim 39 wherein said flashing is to underlie a ridge cap or ridge tile.

Claim 48 (currently amended): A The method as claimed in ~~any one of claims 39 to 46~~ claim 39 wherein said flashing may form the ridgeline without reliance upon a ridge cap or ridge tile.

Claim 49 (currently amended): A The method as claimed in ~~any one of claims 39 to 48~~ claim 39 wherein said flashing is coloured to match the roofing material or tiles to which it is applied.

Claim 50 (currently amended): A The method as claimed in ~~any one of claims 39 to 49~~ claim 39 wherein said flashing may be coloured in a form as desired by the end user.

Claim 51 (cancelled)

Claim 52 (currently amended): The **use or methods of use** of a flashing or flashing structure of ~~any of the kinds as herein described~~ claim 1.

Claim 53 (currently amended): A The **structure** flashed by a flashing or flashing structure of ~~any one of claims as herein described~~ claim 1.